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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A grip for ~~attachment to~~ a firearm, the grip comprising:

a housing having an internal storage cavity; and

a pull tab fixedly attached to the housing and comprising:

a body, and

a stopper attached to the body, which removably engages a wall that defines an open end of the internal storage cavity to removably cover the internal storage cavity, wherein the stopper comprises at least one ring about its perimeter, which removably frictionally engages the wall that defines the open end of the internal cavity to form a water tight seal with the internal cavity to prevent moisture from entering therein.

2. (Original) The grip of claim 1, wherein the stopper removably frictionally engages the wall that defines the open end of the internal cavity.

3. (Canceled.)

4. (Currently Amended) The grip of claim 1, wherein the stopper comprises a protrusion that extends from the body and

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removably lockingly engages a wall that defines a notch in the housing.

5. (Original) The grip of claim 1, wherein the pull tab comprises a hinge integrally formed with the body, allowing for pivotal movement of the body.

6. (Currently Amended) The grip of claim 1, wherein the pull tab comprises a handle having a first end integrally formed with the body and a free second end, and wherein the handle is formed from a flexible material such that the free second end of the handle may be moved by the application of an external force, but resiliently retracts to a position adjacent to a bottom surface of the body when the external force is released.

7. (Original) The grip of claim 1, wherein the pull tab is mounted within an opening in the housing of the grip, such that a handle of the pull tab is substantially flush with a bottom surface of the housing.

8. (Original) The grip of claim 1, wherein the internal storage cavity is a battery storage chamber that stores at least one battery.

9. (Original) The grip of claim 1, wherein the pull tab comprises an arm attached to the body, which is fixedly attached to a wall that defines a slot in the housing of the grip.

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10. (Original) The grip of claim 1, wherein the pull tab is formed from a flexible material.

11. (Currently Amended) The grip of claim ~~1~~ 10, wherein the flexible material is an elastomeric material.

12. (Original) The grip of claim 1, wherein the stopper comprises an inner ring and an outer ring separated by a channel.

13. (Original) A firearm grip for attachment to a firearm, the firearm grip comprising:

a housing having an internal storage cavity; and

a pull tab fixedly attached to the housing and comprising:

a body,

a stopper attached to the body, which removably engages a wall that defines an open end of the internal storage cavity to removably cover the internal storage cavity,

a protrusion that extends from the body and removably lockingly engages a wall that defines a notch in the housing,

a hinge integrally formed with the body, allowing for pivotal movement of the body, and

a flexible handle integrally formed with the body.

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14. (Original) The firearm grip of claim 13, wherein the stopper removably frictionally engages the wall that defines the open end of the internal cavity.

15. (Original) The firearm grip of claim 13, wherein the stopper comprises at least one ring about its perimeter, which removably frictionally engages the wall that defines the open end of the internal cavity to form a water tight seal with the internal cavity to prevent moisture from entering therein.

16. (Currently Amended) The firearm grip of claim 13, wherein the handle comprises a first end integrally formed with the body and a free second end, and wherein the handle is formed from a flexible material such that the free second end of the handle may be moved by the application of an external force, but resiliently retracts to a position adjacent to a bottom surface of the body when the external force is released.

17. (Original) The firearm grip of claim 13, wherein the pull tab is mounted within an opening in the housing of the firearm grip, such that the handle is substantially flush with a bottom surface of the housing.

18. (Original) The firearm grip of claim 17, wherein the internal storage cavity is a battery storage chamber that stores at least one battery.

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19. (Original) The firearm grip of claim 17, wherein the pull tab is formed from an elastomeric material.

20. (Original) A firearm grip for attachment to a firearm, the firearm grip comprising:

a housing having at least two elongated cylindrical internal storage cavities; and

a pull tab fixedly attached to the housing and comprising:

a body,

a stopper attached to the body for each internal storage cavity, wherein each stopper removably engages a wall that defines an open end of a corresponding one of the internal storage cavities to removably cover each internal storage cavity, and wherein each stopper comprises at least one ring about its perimeter, which removably frictionally engages the wall that defines the open end of a corresponding one of the internal cavities to form a water tight seal with the internal cavity to prevent moisture from entering therein,

a protrusion that extends from the body and removably lockingly engages a wall that defines a notch in the housing,

a hinge integrally formed with the body, allowing for pivotal movement of the body, and

a flexible handle comprising a first end integrally formed with the body and a free movable second end that resiliently retracts to a position adjacent to a bottom surface of the body when no external force is applied thereto.

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21. (Original) A firearm comprising:

a firearm grip comprising a housing having an internal storage cavity; and

a pull tab fixedly attached to the housing and comprising:

a body,

a stopper attached to the body, which removably engages a wall that defines an open end of the internal storage cavity to removably cover the internal storage cavity,

a protrusion that extends from the body and removably lockingly engages a wall that defines a notch in the housing,

a hinge integrally formed with the body, allowing for pivotal movement of the body, and

a flexible handle integrally formed with the body.

22. (New) The grip of claim 1, wherein the housing comprises an external surface that forms an external surface of the grip.